

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Previously Presented) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device comprising:

- an aerosol container containing a pressurised medicament formulation equipped with a metered dose dispensing valve having a movable valve stem;
- a housing disposed about the aerosol container;
- a patient port in communication with the dispensing valve;
- a priming mechanism adapted to apply a bias to the valve stem relative to the aerosol container sufficient to move the valve stem to fire the valve;
- a restraining mechanism movable between a blocking position in which it prevents said bias firing the valve and a release position in which it allows said bias to fire the valve; and
- a trigger assembly responsive to inhalation through the patient port to cause the restraining mechanism to move from its blocking position to its release position;

wherein the aerosol valve comprises:

- a valve housing;
- a tank component positioned within the valve housing; and
- a valve stem mounted within said valve housing and tank component sequentially movable between a first position, a second position and a third position as the valve stem is depressed in a single direction;

such that:

- as the valve stem is moved from said first position towards said second position a metering chamber is formed and defined between the valve stem and tank component and formulation flows from the aerosol container into the metering chamber;
- in said second position the metering chamber has a predetermined volume and is sealed from the aerosol container; and

in said third position formulation is released from the metering chamber through the valve stem;

and wherein:

the priming assembly is constructed and arranged such that as the device is primed by operating said priming assembly the valve stem is moved from its first to its second position to allow formation and filling of the metering chamber;

the restraining mechanism is constructed and arranged such that in its blocking position it maintains the valve stem in its second position until the trigger assembly is actuated by inhalation through the patient port.

2. (Previously Presented) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 in which the priming assembly comprises a spring.
3. (Previously Presented) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 in which the valve stem is located within a nozzle block and the priming assembly applies a bias to the aerosol container.
4. (Previously Presented) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 in which the restraining mechanism comprises a latch and the triggering assembly comprises a vane.
5. (Original) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 4 in which the vane is positioned within the patient port.
6. (Previously Presented) A breath actuated medicament dispensing device as claimed in Claim 1 in which the restraining mechanism applies a resisting pneumatic force to prevent firing of the valve under the influence of the priming assembly.